PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Sixty-Fourth Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Hotel Bradford, Boston
April 14-15, 1946

AND

Sixty-Fifth Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Memorial Building, Springfield
April 11-12, 1947

LAWRENCE D. RILEY
Department Commander

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SIXTY-FOURTH

AND

SIXTY-FIFTH

ANNUAL ENCAMPMENTS

Massachusetts Department
Sons of Union Veterans of the
Civil War

ENCAMPMENT PROCEEDINGS
APRIL 14, 1946

FIRST SESSION

Hotel Bradford, Boston, Mass., April 14, 1946.

The 64th Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, opened jointly with the Auxiliary in the Lobby Salon, at 9.20 A. M., Department Commander Riley presiding.

Thomas W. Murphy, Commander of Camp 32, acted as Guide; Francis E. Young of Camp 30 as Color Bearer. After Roll Call of Officers, John L. Day of Camp 9 was appointed acting Senior Vice Commander, and William Darling, Past Commander of Camp 25, Patriotic Instructor.

Department Chaplain A. A. Bronsdon offered prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Department Commander Riley announced the Encampment Committees and added P. C. Hugh C. MacDonald of Camp 67 and George E. Davis of Camp 17 to the Credential Committee.

Reports were read by the Department Commander, the Junior Vice Department Commander, the Secretary, the Counselor, and the Patriotic Instructor's by the Secretary.

Commander-in-Chief H. Harding Hale arrived and was escorted to the platform.

The Credential Committee submitted a first report of delegates present:

Commander-in-Chief	1
Department Commander	1
Past Department Commanders	8
Camp Commanders	16
Past Camp Commanders	29
Delegates	8
Alternates	8
Total	71

P. D. C. William O. Fuller reported for the Retriever Squad that the outlook was most encouraging and looked for good results.

Dept. Com. Riley announced that a class initiation would be held on May 18th at the headquarters of Camp 1 of Lynn and hoped for assistance from all who could possibly be helpful.

Com.-in-Chief Hale was called upon and spoke interestingly on the Good of the Order.

Dept. Com. Riley announced that a dinner would be held in the roof garden of the hotel at 6.30 P. M. sharp.

On motion of Dept. Chaplain Bronsdon it was voted that a greeting by wire be sent to Past Com.-in-Chief Frank L. Kirchgassner, confined to his home by serious illness, by the Department Secretary at recess.

Voted to recess until 2.00 P. M.

Reconvened at 2.20 P. M.

P. C. Walter W. Peckham acted as S. V. C. and P. C. George E Beckman as Patriotic Instructor.

P. D. C. Moran, chairman of the Committee on Restoration of Rank, moved that the rank of Past Camp Commander be restored to Frederick C. Haynes of Camp 26, and the motion was carried.

The report of the Dept. Radio Committee was read by Com.-in-Chief Hale, chairman of the committee, and on motion of P. D. C. Moran it was voted that it be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.

Dept. Camp Instructor Quinn made a verbal report, believed in and recommended District Meetings.

Past Com. Peckham of Camp 133 and Past Com. Osborne of Camp 35 both spoke in favor of such meetings.

Letter read from Past C.-in-C. Kirchgassner in response to wire sent to him at 12.45, by the Secretary.

J. V. C. Adams moved that an Easter lily be sent at Easter to each of the two Civil War veterans now living in Springfield, and motion was carried.

Nomination of Officers

FOR COMMANDER

Dr. George W. Goode, Camp 46 nominated Lawrence D. Riley, P.D.C.
Addison A. Quinn, P.D.C., Camp 81 nominated George W. Kimball, Camp 81.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

W. W. Haskell, P.D.C., Camp 17 nominated Carder A. Perkins Camp 9.
F. R. Atwood, Camp 67 nominated Hugh C. MacDonald, Camp 67.

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER

Roy C. Hall, Camp 30 nominated Allen B. Howland, Camp 50.
H. H. Hale, C.-in-C., Camp 5 nominated George F. McGorty, Camp 5.
Ralph P. Bickmore, Camp 34 nominated Emerson Whitman, Camp 62.

COUNCIL

Walter F. Ryder, Camp 17 nominated Wm. W. Haskell, P. D. C., Camp 17.
H. H. Marshall, Camp 56 nominated Louis E. Winchell, P. D. C., Camp 80.
F. G. Bauer, P.D.C., Camp 51 nominated Wm. S. George, Camp 61.
A. A. Quinn, P.D.C., Camp 81 nominated Roy C. Call, Camp 30.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Wm. S. George, Camp 61 nominated F. G. Bauer, P.D.C., Camp 51.

On motion of P. D. C. Moran it was voted that the names of Delegates to the National Encampment be submitted in writing and endorsed by two brothers.

For Resolutions Committee, Chairman Bauer recommended no action on resolution submitted by the Reception Committee.

On motion of P. D. C. Moran it was voted that where there was no objection to recommendations of the committee such recommendations be adopted.

On resolution submitted by Camp 25, committee recommended adoption by striking out *and encampments thereafter* and *each year*. Vote was called for and 54 for, 29 against.

L. K. Sweeney of Camp 25 moved that the final report of the Resolutions Committee be held until April 15. Carried.

Colonel Bauer moved that no resolution be acted upon by the Department not presented to the Commander before the opening of the April 15th morning session. Carried.

Chairman Wm. O. Fuller of the Committee on Officers' Reports read their report which was accepted.

P. D. C. Fuller moved that the Secretary be instructed to wire Congress requesting action that we may have flags for Memorial Day. Motion carried.

Several brothers spoke on membership at large and Brother

Peckham of Camp 133 moved that the Massachusetts Department be authorized to admit members at large, the terms and conditions of membership to be prescribed by the Department Executive Committee. Motion carried.

The Credential Committee submitted their report:

Commander-in-Chief	1
Department Commander	1
Past Department Commanders	10
Camp Commanders	16
Past Commanders	43
Delegates	12
Alternates	13
Total	96

On motion of Com. Murphy of Camp 32, it was voted to recess until 9.15 A. M., April 15.

April 15, 1946.

Session opened at 10.00 A. M. by Department Commander Riley.

P. D. C. Haskell acted as Patriotic Instructor.

The Department Chaplain offered prayer.

The Department S. V. Commander read his report and a letter from Rev. Arthur Soule was read by the Secretary.

Colonel Bauer resumed for the Committee on Resolutions.

The resolution submitted by Camp 17 was approved and adoption recommended.

The resolution submitted by Camp 81 was approved and adoption recommended.

It was voted that the matter of a Joint Reception Committee be referred to the Department Commander.

All three recommendations of the Council were adopted.

The continuance of the Retriever Squad was voted.

The matter of surplus old records in the Department office and the necessity of making more room by disposing of them was brought up, and it was voted that the Department Officers, including the Executive Committee, be authorized to dispose of such records as they saw fit, the motion being amended by P. D. C. Weiler to include any other property.

Inspection were favored to be continued after 1947.

The matter of future Encampments was brought up, Past Department Counselor, Albert Wolff, offering the amendment that incoming Commander, Senior Vice Commander and Junior Vice Commander confer with the Allied Orders regarding a place of meeting.

Chief Dist. Com. Walker favored one meeting yearly if held outside of Boston. Beckman of Camp 17, P. D. C. Moran, P. C. Gordon of Camp 9, Riley of 81, Hamilton of 17, and Osborne of 35, all spoke in favor.

W. F. Ryder of Camp 17 moved the adoption of the resolution and motion was carried unanimously.

Colonel Bauer, Department Counselor, offered the following motion:

The Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in accordance with the provisions of Article VIII of the Constitution approves and forwards for publication and action by the Commandery-in-Chief the following amendment to the Constitution of the Order:

Article III of the Constitution is hereby amended by changing the period at the end thereof to a semi-colon and adding to said article the following words "provided that where a soldier, sailor or marine who served as aforesaid left no lineal male descendants, descendants of a brother or sister of such soldier, sailor or marine

otherwise qualified as herein provided may be admitted to membership to represent such veteran."

G. O. Walker of Camp 1 moved that the word male be stricken out. Not seconded.

Colonel Bauer moved the previous question. Voted 58 in favor, 13 against.

Colonel Bauer submitted the following motion which was carried:

Voted, that the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in accordance with the provision of Article VIII of the Constitution, approves and forwards for publication and action by the Commandery-in-Chief the following amendment to the Constitution of the Order: Article III of the Constitution is hereby amended by changing the period at the end thereof to a semi-colon and by adding at the end thereof the following words: "provided further that descendants of officers and members of the Revenue Cutter Service who rendered service in the naval operations for the suppression of the Rebellion of 1861-65, may be elected to membership under the same conditions as descendants of soldiers, sailors and marines."

This resolution shall become effective upon the determination by the Department Commander that during the Civil War the revenue cutter service was used as and part of the armed forces for suppression of the rebellion.

Greetings Committees were received: Mrs. Helen A. Phinney, representing the G. A. R.; Mrs. Abbie Allen, representing the W. R. C.; Mrs. Myra Blanchard, representing the S. U. V. Auxiliary; Miss Isabelle Miller, representing the Ladies of the G. A. R.; Mrs. Alice Rand, Dept. Chief of Staff, S. U. V. Auxiliary; Mrs. Gertrude Riley, wife of Department Commander Lawrence D. Riley; Mrs. Helen Savery, Ch. D. U. V. Committee; Mrs. Velma McKay, President D. U. V.

Gifts were presented to Dept. Com. Riley by these ladies, a beauntiful diamond ring from the Riley family, and a check from the S. U. V. Auxiliary for $120 to the Department.

Com.-in-Chief Hale responded to all Greetings Committees.

Other committee members present were Mrs. Green, P. P. of the W. R. C.; Mrs. Ruth Taylor, P. P. of the Ladies of the G. A. R.; Mrs. Grace Broderick, P. P. D. of U. V.; and Mrs. Flynn, Chaplain.

P. D. C. Ralph L. Smith reported a very pleasant visit to the Auxiliary.

Colonel Bauer moved that a committee of one be appointed to inform the Auxiliary of action of this Encampment regarding the meeting place of the next Encampment. Motion carried.

In line with resolution submitted by Camp 81, Colonel Bauer suggested that Mayor Curley be requested to speed up the hospital addition to Soldiers' Home for which $60,000.00 was appropriated in 1944.

L. K. Sweeney Camp 25 moved that Worcester be selected for the next Encampment. Riley of Camp 81 moved amendment that action be delayed until after lunch. Carried.

Credential Committee reported:

Commander-in-Chief	1
Department Commander	1
Past Department Commanders	14
Camp Commanders	23
Past Camp Commanders	73
Delegates	26
Alternates	15
Total	153

On motion of H. L. Dolloff of Camp 62 it was voted to recess until 1.30.

SECOND SESSION

Opened at 1.45.

Dept. Treasurer George E. Hunt read his report and gave credit to Brothers Bauer and Hale for legal work in connection with their duties.

Com. Murphy of Camp 32 moved that the report be accepted and thanks given to Brothers Bauer and Hale. Carried.

L. K. Sweeney requested that the next Encampment be held in Worcester. Brother Riley of Camp 81 made the same request for Chelsea.

A telegram was received from the Springfield Chamber of Commerce inviting the Department to hold its next Encampment in Springfield.

P. D. C. Moran favored Springfield and cited it as the home of the last surviving G. A. R. member.

Brothers Walker of Camp 1 and George of 61 favored Springfield.

Brother Hamilton of Camp 17 moved that the 1947 Encampment be held in Springeld.

Brother Fuller spoke for further consideration and Brother Riley again asked for Chelsea.

Question was called and 54 voted for Springfield and 47 against.

P. D. C. Haskell reported his visit to the D. U. V. Encampment.

Colonel Bauer moved that the matter of eligibility to membership of Coast Guard during the Civil War be referred to the incoming Commander. Carried.

Com-in-Chief Hale spoke regarding the recent fire loss of Camp 37 of Gardner and 150 of New Bedford, praised Dist. Com. Doane and asked for visits by Department officers to these Camps.

S. V. D. C. Kimball reported visit to W. R. C. at the Touraine and P. D. C. Winchell reported visit to Ladies of the G. A. R. at the Manger.

L. K. Sweeney moved that a registration fee of one dollar be charged each delegate and each alternate, the receipts to go to the General Fund. Motion lost.

S. V. D. C. Kimball announced that the largest net gain in membership for the year was made by Camp 81, of 18 members; second largest Camp 112 of 7, and Camp 25 of 4.

S. V. D. C. Kimball thanked the new members of Camp 81 for attending the Encampment. Most of them service men.

P. D. C. Weiler moved that the incoming Department Commander designate the District Commanders and the Districts, by Department Orders, before May 1. Carried.

Tellers appointed were George E. Davis of Camp 17, Charles Bradlee of Camp 74, William T. Darling of Camp 25, Richard Osler of Camp 81, E. M. Partenheimer of Camp 15, Lloyd Hardy of Camp 52, John L. Day of Camp 9, H. F. Weiler of Camp 79, C. H. E. Moran of Camp 60.

Treasurer Hunt moved that the Secretary cast one ballot for Colonel F. G. Bauer for member of Executive Committee, and one ballot for all named Delegates. Carried.

Voting begins.

Credential Committee submits final report:

Department Commander	1
Past Department Commanders	14
Camp Commanders	23
Past Camp Commanders	75

Delegates 28
Alternates 15

Total 156

Department Commander left Encampment for visit to Auxiliary leaving Treasurer Hunt in charge.

Good of the Order was announced. P. D. C. Quinn spoke feelingly, thanking everyone for everything done for Mrs. Quinn and Treasurer Hunt suggested that a letter be sent to Mrs. Quinn expressing our appreciation of her loyalty to the Order and friendliness in making it possible for Brother Quinn to attend this Convention during her illness.

Hamilton of Camp 17 moved that the Convention send flowers to Mrs. Quinn, and motion was carried.

Chief Dis. Com. Walker announced a Class Initiation at Camp 1 headquarters, Lynn, on May 18.

Dept. Com. Riley returned from his visit to the Auxiliary Encampment and reported them as much in accord with decision to hold the next Convention in Springfield.

The Tellers reported the result of the balloting.

Commander, George Wm. Kimball.

Senior Vice Commander, Hugh C. MacDonald.

Junior Vice Commander, Allen B. Howland.

Council, William W. Haskell, Louis E. Winchell, William S. George.

Executive Committee, Colonel Frederic G. Bauer.

Delegates to National Encampment: Elmer Meady, Camp 50; Louis E. Winchell, Camp 80; Raymond L. Kimball, Camp 81; W. Paul Kimball, Camp 81; George F. Person, Camp 81; Herbert J. Person, Camp 81; Leon K. Ostler, Camp 81; Henry T. Fitts, Camp 88; Allen B. Howland, Camp 50; Lawrence R. E. Johnson, Camp 15; Francis E. Young, Camp 30.

Appointments were announced by Department Commander Kimball:

Secretary, Leon H. Palmer.

Treasurer, George E. Hunt.

Chaplain, Rev. Raymond T. Reed.

Patriotic Instructor, Ralph P. Bickmore.

In Joint Installation with the Auxiliary, Department Officers were installed by P. D. C. Charles H. E. Moran.

Past Dept. Commander Riley was presented with a Past Department Commander's badge on behalf of the Department by Department Secretary Leon H. Palmer.

P. D. C. George E. Hunt presented a purse from the membership to Brother Riley who responded to both presentations with thanks feelingly expressed.

Adjourned at 5.30 P. M.

LAWRENCE D. RILEY, Department Commander.
Attest, LEON H. PALMER, Department Secretary.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Hotel Bradford, Boston, Mass., April 15, 1947.

To the Officers and Members of the 64th Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Incorporated.

In bringing to a close my term of office as your Department Commander, I want to thank all the members of the Department for the honor and privilege of serving you during the past year. This year has gone by very quickly and although I have not completed everything I had hoped to when I took this high office I feel that we have made some progress.

Last October, at a very successful Mid-Winter Conference at Brockton, I appointed a committee known as the "Retriever Squad," whose duties were to bring back into our order members who have either dropped their membership or lost interest in our organization. They have held some meetings as a committee and some of the members have had district meetings in their localities. Their work has started to bear fruit as we have been receiving requests at Department Headquarters for membership applications for from 10 to 50. These requests show that interest is being aroused in getting new members into our order. Plans are underway for the establishing of two new camps, one in the western part of the state and one in the southern part. We have not progressed enough to institute the camps at the present time but I feel that in the near future we will be able to visit places and bring two new camps into this Department. It has been many years since a new camp has been added in this state.

I have been corresponding with two camps since last summer in an effort to bring them back to activity but I find that these and many other camps do not answer letters sent from Department Headquarters so that we have made little progress with them.

We have three active district organizations within our Department who are doing good work and I would like to see other similar ones formed in the rest of the state. I think organizations of this sort will be the salvation of this Department.

It has been my pleasure to visit many camps in the state throughout the year and I have been received with the dignity due the Department Commander. I have represented the Department at the Department Encampments of our New England neighbors, at Concord, New Hampshire; Providence, Rhode Island; and Old Orchard, Maine, bringing to them the greetings of the Massachusetts Department. I have also attended the New England Regional meetings held during the year and have noted the work being done by the various Departments. Last September I had the honor of leading our delegates to the National Encampment at Columbus, Ohio, where Massachusetts was honored in the election of H. Harding Hale as Commander in Chief of our order. I was honored by being appointed to the very important Resolution Committee, serving with two Past Commanders in Chief and two Past Department Commanders of other states.

A committee from our Department assisted in the Friendly Relations Group who held a very successful entertainment and dance at the Hotel Manger, October 27th. The net proceeds amounted to $143.00, which was equally divided between the Cushing General Hospital and the Chelsea Naval Hospital. We have enjoyed the cooperation of the Allied Orders of the G. A. R. family and I had the pleasure of attending receptions tendered to the Presidents of these orders, extending greetings of our Department. On a visit to Springfield, I also had the privilege of calling upon the surviving member of the Grand Army of the Republic, Comrade Charles Burt, and had a very enjoyable time while there.

It is with much regret I announce the loss of three camps during the past year. One Camp disbanded of their own accord and I was forced to suspend the other two. These camps had not made a report or sent in per capita to the Department for five or more years and I felt in fairness to the other camps who regularly send in reports and per capitas and the financial condition of the Department, that we could not carry them any longer. Everything possible was done to stimulate interest in these camps but all correspondence sent to them was ignored and unanswered. There are other camps in the Department that will have to be dropped unless they cooperate or

make some effort to pay up monies due.

Our appreciation is extended to Colonel Bauer for his untiring efforts in behalf of our Department. He has been a great help to the Commander. I wish to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to each and every Department Officer, especially to our Department Secretary, Brother Palmer, and P. D. C. Brother Winchell of the Department Council, for their valuable advice and assistance given me during the year. Also to Brother Drown, our Publicity Secretary, for his splendid publicity in the local papers and the Banner. He has done a fine job. Personal Aide Carder A. Perkins has been most helpful this year and recently held a successful penny sale for the Department Treasury.

In bringing this report to a close I wish to thank all who have been of assistance to me during my term of office. I have made many friendships that have amply repaid me for the time and effort given to the office of Department Commander.

There are some recommendations that I will present for the consideration of this encampment.

Yours in F., C. & L.,
LAWRENCE D. RILEY, Commander,
Department of Massachusetts.

Resolutions

1. That the Retriever Squad be continued.
2. Due to the lack of storage space at Department Headquarters, the Department Council give authority to the Department Secretary to dispose of all obsolete records and reports that he thinks are unnecessary. Consolidated reports are on file at Department Headquarters.
3. Now that World War No. 2 has been brought to a successful conclusion, I recommend that Camp Inspections be revived under the direction of the Department Inspector.
4. That special efforts be made throughout the year to raise funds for the Department General Fund.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

Chelsea, Massachusetts, April 6th, 1946.

To the Officers and Members of the 64th Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Incorporated.

I wish to state that my year under the leadership of Lawrence D. Riley has been most friendly and I carried out all orders issued by him, which was a most pleasant duty.

I attended the mid-summer conference held at Brockton as guest of Camp 17. I have represented the Department on many occasions. I have endorsed the plans of our Commander-in-Chief, H. Harding Hale, and have created a committee from my Camp to interview and reinstate all worth while members. During my term I have personally procured ten new members for Camp 81 of Chelsea and on my personal visits for the Department have explained to many Camps my way of recruiting new members.

I have cemented good feelings among the Veteran Units and their hearty cooperation for our Patriotic work has given me new determination to go forward to rebuild up our honored Order, for which I have labored for over forty years.

Our Department Secretary, Leon H. Palmer, has been most cooperative at all times. To others in the Department who have made my year one long to be remembered, I say, "Thank you."

Fraternally yours,
GEORGE WM. KIMBALL, Senior Vice Department Commander.

REPORT OR DEPARTMENT JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER

April 15, 1946.

To the Officers and Members of the 64th Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Incorporated.

Brothers: — One year ago you elected me as your Junior Vice Department Commander, an honor which I have appreciated and, to the best of my ability, I have tried to carry out the obligations of that office.

During my term I attended both meetings of the Executive Committee; in the Connecticut Valley I made visitations to Camps, attended installations of various allied orders and veterans' organizations, birthday parties of the Holyoke Camp and Tent and of the Amherst Auxiliary, joint Memorial Services in Springfield and Westfield. I was installing officer for Camp 44. Also I made a number of visits to Charles B. Burt, Department Commander of the G. A. R. Last November I served as general chairman of the committee on arrangements for the meeting of the New England Regional Association.

Feeling that many camps could profit from ideas which have helped others, I suggested to our Editor, P. C. in C. Allan S. Holbrook, a column in the Banner to make this possible. He favored the idea and asked me to carry it out which I have endeavored to do in the January and March issues, under the heading, "What Made My Camp Tick?" However, as this is a column of proven ideas they must come from the individual members. This is one way in which many can help our order. Has your camp received a boost — pass it on.

In conclusion, I thank you for the honor and trust that I may have contributed my bit that we may continue to be "worthy sons of noble sires."

Respectfully submitted,
GEORGE A. ADAMS, Junior Vice Department Commander.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT COUNCIL

To the Officers and Members of the 64th Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Incorporated.

Brothers: — The Department Council met immediately following the close of the last Encampment and organized as follows:

Chairman, P. D. C. William W. Haskell; Secretary, P. D. C. Louis E. Winchell, and the third member is P. C. Roy C. Call.

The necessary bonds were provided for Department Secretary, Department Treasurer and Department Commander.

The State Street Trust Company was designated as the depository for the General Funds of the Department.

May 3, 1945, the Council took steps providing that the Department Commander appoint a special committee to handle the raising of money for the G. A. R. Fund and this was carried out.

The books of the Department have been examined and the quarterly reports checked and the balance on hand in the General Fund is $173.93.

The B. F. Loring Fund of $735.00 approximately is lying idle and producing very little income and the Council is in favor of an appropriation of $25.00 to be used for the benefit of increasing the membership of the Department and placed at the disposal of the Retriever Campaign Committee.

Our Permanent Fund of $9,600.00 plus is well invested in Government Bonds and Bank Shares and the income during the past

term amounted to $234.53. This income is increasing, owing to the foresight of our Executive Committee and Department Council previously. If it were not for this interest income, our budget would have to be reduced in order to carry on the Department without a substantial deficit.

On March 9, the Council, in cooperation with our Auxiliary, provided a reception to our own Brother H. Harding Hale, Commander-in-Chief, Hotel Bradford, and a separate report is appended.

Last year, in anticipation of the Annual Encampment to be held the first week in April, 1946, the Council made tentative arrangements with Hotel Bradford Management and the Hotel was notified of the dates when determined by the G. A. R. Commander.

January 23, 1946, we were notified by the Management that a National Boot and Shoe Convention was to be held in Boston the week of April 8 and that we could not have the facilities that were needed for our Encampment and Convention of our Auxiliary, therefore a conference of all officers concerned was held and it was decided to postpone our meetings until the following week and that is the reason for the change.

The Council submits the following recommendations:

1. That the income from investments and interest from the Permanent Fund be transferred to the General Fund.
2. That the sum of $25.00 be appropriated from the B. F. Loring Fund and used by or for the Retriever Campaign Committee.
3. That a mid-season meeting be held away from Boston in order to bring our Department closer to our outlying districts.

Our mid-season meeting in Brockton was a success and well attended.

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM W. HASKELL, Chairman,
LOUIS E. WINCHELL, Secretary,
Department Council.

Proposed Budget for 1946-1947 Submitted by the Department Council for Consideration by Encampment

Estimated Receipts

Per Capita tax on 2,750 members at 80c	$2,200.00
Membership fees on 50 members at $1.00	50.00
Interest from Permanent Fund	200.00
Donations	75.00
Office rent from Auxiliary	112.50
Telephone from Auxiliary	42.00
Electric lights from Auxiliary	5.50
Total estimated receipts	$2,685.00

Estimated Expenditures

Per Capita tax on 2,750 members at 40c	$1,100.00
Membership fees on 50 members at 50c	25.00
1946 Encampment expense	25.00
Salary of Department Secretary	500.00
Department Commander's expenses to Nat'l Encampment	75.00
Department Commander's travel expense	100.00
Postage, Printing, Stationery	175.00
Encampment Proceedings (printed)	75.00
Electric lights	12.00
Telephone	100.00
Office rent	300.00
Officers' Bonds	7.50
Badge for Commander	8.00
Radio expense	25.00
Donations to Ways and Means Committee of Auxiliary	25.00

Safe Deposit Box	6.00
Gifts to G. A. R. family	12.00
Memorial Service	35.00
Incidentals	20.00
Total estimated expenditures	$2,625.50
Total estimated balance	59.50
	$2,685.00

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM W. HASKELL.
ROY C. CALL.
LOUIS E. WINCHELL.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT SECRETARY

Boston, Mass., April 14, 1946.

To the Officers and Members of the 64th Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Incorporated.

Membership January 1, 1945 2832

	Gains Initiation	Transfer	Reinstatement	Total	
March Quarter	19	1	4	24	
June Quarter	10	2	8	20	
September Quarter	3	1	2	6	
December Quarter	8	5	5	18	
					68
					2900

	Losses Camps	Dis.	Death	H.D.	Trans.	Drop.	Tot.	
March Quarter	1	13	20	4	2	5	44	
June Quarter			24	1		11	36	
September Quarter	2	29	14	1		3	47	
December Quarter			19	1	4	17	41	
								168
Membership January 1, 1946								2732

Camps lost were No. 33, Amesbury, with 13 members; No. 2, Worcester, with 10 members, and No. 99, Shelburne Falls, with 19 members, a total of 42 members.

SUPPLY ACCOUNT

On hand March 31, 1945		$204.72	
Purchases		100.65	
Total			$305.37
Sales	$124.83		
On hand March 31, 1945	168.68		
		293.51	
Profit			$11.86

Receipts

Balance on hand 1945 Encampment		$194.71
Per Capita Tax	$1,910.10	
Fees	35.00	
Supplies	124.83	
C. in C. Reception	75.00	
Council, Flag Stamps	52.10	
Camp Bond Premium	2.50	
Auxiliary Gift, Encampment	86.00	
Interest, Permanent Fund	234.53	

Rent	103.13	
Light	4.46	
Telephone	43.08	
Arlington Hall Donation	4.00	
Hingham Co-operative Bank, by error	7.50	
Camp No. 2, disbanded, turned in	65.40	
C. A. Perkins, donations	4.00	
G. A. R. Highway, donations	15.00	
C. A. Perkins, penny sale	26.65	
		2,793.28
Total Receipts		$2,987.99

Expenditures

Encampment Expense	$55.45	
Per Capita Tax	1,109.50	
Membership Fees	20.00	
Rent	275.00	
Light	9.54	
Telephone	70.91	
Salary, Secretary	500.00	
Printing	28.20	
Postage	71.00	
Stationery	36.85	
Rosters	62.50	
Radio postage	2.00	
Department Officers, bond premiums	7.50	
Camp Officers, bond premiums	2.50	
Proceedings	75.00	
G. A. R. Fund prize	26.00	
National Patriotic Instructor, G. A. R. Fund	21.10	
Department Commander, National Encampment	50.00	
Gifts to Heads of Order	8.00	
Arlington Hall	4.00	
Donation, D. U. V. C. W. Fair	4.50	
Gift, Commander in Chief	37.50	
Bradford Hotel, C. in C. Reception	75.00	
Gift, Auxiliary Ways and Means Committee	25.00	
Refund, Hingham Co-operative Bank	7.50	
Incidentals	28.86	
Department Commander, Traveling Expense	100.00	
Supplies	100.65	
Total Expense		$2,814.06
Balance		$173.93

PERMANENT FUND

1945 Encampment Balance		$9,633.74	
Interest		234.53	
		$9,868.27	
Interest to General Fund		193.20	
Balance			$9,675.07

IN DETAIL

Melrose Savings Bank (Book 23351)	$1,862.50		
Interest	37.24		
	$1,899.74		
Withdrawal	18.62		
		$1,881.12	
Hudson Savings Bank (Book 38537)	$2,271.24		
Interest	45.42		
	$2,316.66		
Withdrawal	22.71		
Balance		2,293.95	
Bellevue Co-operative Bank		$2,000.00	
Reading Co-operative Bank		1,000.00	
2 $1,000 War Bonds		2,000.00	
1 $500 U. S. 2⅞ Bond		500.00	
		5,500.00	
Total			$9,675.07

BENJAMIN J. LORING FUND

1945 Encampment Balance	$714.89	
Interest	10.83	
1946 Encampment Balance		$725.72

Fraternally submitted,
LEON H. PALMER, Department Secretary.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT TREASURER

Boston, Massachusetts, April 15, 1946.

To the Officers and Members of the 64th Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Incorporated.

Greetings: — The following funds are held in trust by the Department Treasurer and governed by the Department Executive Committee:

The Arnold William Coppenhagen Fund is as follows:

Deposited in Suffolk Savings Bank, Book 581453, April 1, 1945		$1,038.06	
Interest added during year		15.63	
			$1,053.69
Deposited in Home Savings Bank, Book S440947, April 1, 1945		$1,038.06	
Interest added during year		15.63	
			1,053.69
Deposited in Charlestown Five Cents Savings Bank Book 233893, April 1, 1945		$1,045.82	
Interest added during year		18.37	
			1,064.19
Five Matured Shares in Hingham Co-op. Bk., cash value			1,000.00
One Series F, U. S. Savings Bond No. M314476F, value April 1, 1945		$754.00	
Present Value		760.00	760.00
Deposited in Provident Institute for Savings, Book 666476, April 1, 1945	$278.96		
Added during the year Interest received from Hingham Co-operative Bank	30.00		
Interest received on bank balance	5.68		
		$314.64	
Withdrawn to pay small bills		12.50	
Leaving a balance in the Provident Inst. for Savings, Book 666476, April 1, 1946			302.14
Total belonging to the Arnold William Coppenhagen Fund			$5,233.71

Margareta Myers' Fund:

Balance on hand April 1, 1945, deposited in Suffolk Co-operative Federal Savings and Loan Association, Book 3661	$319.21	

Interest added during year	6.41	
		$325.62
Withdrawn to pay for care of lot in cemetery, Jan. 8, 1946	3.75	
Total amount of this fund deposited April 1, 1946		$321.87

During the year there was turned over to the Executive Committee from the Edward L. Hayes Association, composed of former members of Henry Noble Couden Camp No. 61, which camp has been consolidated with the Couden Higgerson Camp No. 56, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Savings Bank Book, No. 207496, in the Cambridge Port Savings Bank, amounting to $509.18. During the year interest of $5.02 has been added, making $514.20. On January 21, 1946, as Treasurer, I paid to Frank L. Kirchgassner, Treasurer of the Camp, $50.00, being the annual dues of the twenty-five members belonging to the Camp at that time, leaving a bank balance of $464.20.

In addition to the above, I received one $500 U. S. Savings Bond, Series F, numbered D530776, issued in August, 1945; also a $1,000 U. S. Savings Bond, Series F, numbered M1218230, dated August, 1945, making $1,500 in War Savings Bonds in addition to the bank book from the Cambridge Port Savings Bank.

Held in trust for Theodore Winthrop Camp 81, Chelsea, and deposited in the Suffolk Co-operative Federal Savings and Loan Association, Boston, Massachusetts, $1,041.00, the interest semi-annually being paid to Camp 81 as received.

Fraternally submitted,
GEORGE E. HUNT, Treasurer.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT COUNSELOR

My work during the past year has been largely made up of advising camps on questions relating to incorporation, exemption from taxation and the required tax returns. Apparently the present situation is satisfactory to the tax authorities. I have, however, arranged to have a personal interview with the Bureau of Internal Revenue in Washington the next time I go there so that I can take up the question of the exemption of our organization from the gift tax.

My only recommendation in connection with the duties of my office is that the constitution, by-laws and regulations of our order be more strictly enforced on delinquent camps. When a camp first becomes delinquent it is a comparatively easy matter to bring it up to date, but when the delinquency is allowed to accumulate, in some cases for years, restoration becomes increasingly difficult. Once upon a time a boy stopped an inundation of the Netherlands by putting his finger on a small leak in the dike and thus prevented the trickling water from enlarging the hole to a catastrophic size. I believe that our Department Headquarters should put its finger on every breach, however small, in the structure of our organization. Prevention is far better, easier and surer than cure.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,
FREDERIC G. BAUER.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

Shrewsbury, Mass., April 9, 1946.

Lawrence D. Riley, Commander, Mass. Department,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Commander: — It is an honor to be privileged to report to you and through you to the Massachusetts Department, on my activities as Department Patriotic Instructor, although for only part of your administration.

I regret that I cannot give you a complete report of the one

hundred and ten camps in the Department, as only fifty-six made returns, but it was gratifying to note that these camps justly observe Memorial Day and Lincoln's Birthday.

Among other tasks assigned to me was the raising of funds for the National G. A. R. Memorial Fund, which was done by appeal to each of the camps and by personal contact, but I am unable to report the success of the campaign until returns are completed.

Hoping that my successor will be able to make an outstanding report at the National Encampment of a task I desired to complete during my term.

I wish at this time to extend my thanks to Past Commander in Chief William L. Anderson for friendly and co-operative assistance which he has rendered to me, and to those who were so loyal and faithful. I extend my thanks and feel that my task has been indeed worthwhile.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,
WILBUR L. LOOMER, Department Patriotic Instructor.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT PUBLICITY SECRETARY

Stoughton, Mass., April 9, 1946.

To the Officers and Members of the 64th Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Incorporated.

Department Commander Riley had faith enough in my deeds to re-appoint me as publicity secretary and while I must plead guilty to no noted improvement, I feel some accomplishment is apparent.

The style of columns in "The Banner" has been frightfully different from that of any other department but so many have said they enjoy same, I've tried to keep the standard intact. The slogan has been, "All that comes in, goes in; with something more added."

To devotees of the "Boston Sunday Globe," I can say we are back in "Military and Naval," but I'm not shouting too loudly about it yet. This feature now runs every week and items have been furnished periodically. The Boston Sunday Post has continued to cooperate the full year and we have 200 column inches to show for it.

Other newspapers have been recognized in "The Banner" as evidence has presented itself, with some 100 inches.

The past year your publicity secretary has covered (personally) practically all the outstanding events and visited several individual camps, travelling approimately 750 miles in so doing. A debt of gratitude is due Department Commander Riley, Past Department Commanders Haskell and Fuller, besides a generous share to Mrs. Drown, in making possible this journeying.

Department Commander Riley has been the same great scout as was "Bill" Haskell the previous year—always cooperative, not once "dictative". It will be a pleasure if ever or never, serving again, because of these two administrations.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,
HAROLD M. DROWN, Department Publicity Secretary.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT DISTRICT COMMANDER

April 15, 1946.

Lawrence D. Riley,
Department Commander, S. U. V. C. W.

Dear Sir and Brother: — Having served as District Commander of District No. 25 for the past year, I wish to make the following report:

I have been in constant communication with Camps 1, 81 and 104, and while they performed the usual observance of Memorial Day, and other duties in connection with the same, they also are well represented at the various public and other patriotic events.

I especially wish to commend Camp 81 of Chelsea for the number of new members that they have taken into their Camp.

As to Camp 106, I have not been able to find anyone nor have I received any reply to communications.

I would recommend that the Districts remain about the same as at present, as the District Commander has more personal touch with only a few Camps.

Yours in F., C. & L.,
GEORGE O. WALKER, District Commander.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS

April 15, 1946.

Department Commander Riley, Officers and Members of the Massachusetts Department:

The Committee of Officers' Reports submit the following report:

Department Commander Riley has rendered a complete report which shows that he has performed the duties of his office well and to the best of his ability.

Commander Riley has made several recommendations which, with recommendations from other officers and the Department Council, have been referred to the Committee on Recommendations and Resolutions. The reports of the other officers show that they have given of their time very generously and their reports show every effort to fulfill their duties.

The Committee wishes to thank all officers for their efforts.

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM O. FULLER, Chairman.
ADDISON A. QUINN.
NELSON TOWLE.

REPORT OF RADIO COMMITTEE

To the Officers and Members of the 64th Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Incorporated.

For the past year your Committee has striven to carry on despite what some might call a handicap in not having any Civil War veteran to participate in our patriotic offerings over the air. However, in this second year of their absence, caused by death, except in one instance, we have endeavored to put our best foot forward in preparing and presenting air programs. The results have been decidedly gratifying, if station officials' and other reactions were a reliable indication.

So we trust you share with us the satisfaction of having weathered that changed condition. We have also succeeded in meeting the very real competition of both Federal Government's and other wartime claims on radio stations' broadcasting time. This difficulty, of course, was added to our continual problem of how to make our programs appeal to the ordinary listeners to radio offerings, who are not within the Grand Army family. Programs confined in interest to our comparatively small group are insufficient to warrant a station program director's assigning us even 15 minutes of greatly valuable broadcasting time.

But we have been learning through the years that it pays well to heed comments of radio officials, to observe what programs and topics are most likely to engage the average listener's interest (such listeners compose probably 80% of a station's patrons) and to profit by that information.

We feel that the year 1945 presentations have shown increasing success in reminding the general public of featured events and personalities connected with the war our fathers won. Therefore, we are

happy to report that our standing today with radio stations and producers of non-commercial programs is an enviable one.

Here we give you briefly the content of our programs:

April 9, 1945: Sketch of G. A. R. Department Commander Charles B. Burt's installation event in his Springfield home, as reported by Past Commander in Chief William L. Anderson; also tributes to the Comrades by Mrs. Edith Nile, National President of our Auxiliary, and Fred W. Cross' (formerly of the Massachusetts Adjutant General's Office) written account of his visit to historic Appomattox on the actual surrender anniversary.

May 30: Reminiscences by Frederick W. Swan of visits at the Memorial Day season of representative members of the G. A. R. to his Dedham and Boston schools, with Auxiliary Past National President Maude B. Warren's recounting her organization's donations of blood plasma for treatment of wounded World War II soldiers and members of the armed forces, followed by timely messages from Commander-in-Chief Isaac W. Sharp and Past Commander-in-Chief John S. Dumser, both of the G. A. R.

November 19: In a setting of Civil War vocal and instrumental patriotic music, Brother Hale, after outlining our G. A. R. Highway project, pointed out the far-reaching significance of this memorial to all Civil War heroes.

December 17, 1946: In a John G. Whittier tribute program, your chairman narrated how his brother and he, as small boys, with their mother, were guests of this admired New England poet and famous advocate of anti-slavery.

February 12, 1946: The Lincoln anniversary was observed. Brother Charles W. Little of your committee gave a program of interesting and not so familiar incidents of the great Civil War Commander-in-Chief, under the caption, "Why Lincoln Laughed," his talk stemming from reminiscences recorded by the famous lecturer, Rev. Russell Conwell.

Our customary "Salute to the G. A. R." Encampment program, well along in preparation, for a message from Massachusetts' revered Department Commander Charles B. Burtt of the G. A. R., was cancelled due to his illness.

This service was performed at a cost not exceeding ten (10) dollars.

Respectfully submitted,
H. HARDING HALE.
CHARLES W. LITTLE.
HUGH C. MacDONALD.

REPORT OF RECEPTION AND BALL COMMITTEE

Following is a narrative report of the Reception and Ball held by the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and Auxiliary in the Grand Ball Room of Hotel Bradford, Boston, Mass., on Monday evening, April 14th, 1946.

The first meeting of the joint committee was held on March 13th at which time the General Committee was organized as follows: General Chairman, Parker B. Chandler; Co-Chairman and Secretary, Rita E. Angier; Treasurer, Mary R. Carr, and Charles Bradlee, Assistant Treasurer.

Sub-committees were: Orchestra, Carder Perkins; Printing, William George; Special Feature, Phyllis M. Dean and Lela Sullivan; Flowers, Mary R. Carr, Robert Wood and Carder Perkins; Souvenir Badges, Emma S. Warren; Sale of Badges, Lillian Belcher and assistants to be chosen by her, also Charles Bradlee and Roy Call; Addressing Invitations for Auxiliary, Ada B. Ewell; Line-up and Grand March, Addison Quinn and Rita E. Angier; Dinner, Carder Perkins

and Ada B. Ewell and Lillian Belcher; Trooping of the Colors, William George. Subsequent meetings were held March 21st, April 3rd, April 8th and the final meeting April 25th for the approval and payment of all bills.

This committee had been requested to plan for a dinner preceding the Reception but at the first meeting the committee was informed a dinner was not necessary. Therefore, no plans for this part of the program were considered. However, a last minute meeting was necessary when the committee was informed a dinner should be held on Monday evening and the General Committee feels that under all circumstances the sub-committee in charge of the dinner deserves much credit.

After the dinner the Department officers and guests were assembled to be escorted by Parker B. Chandler and Rita E. Angier to form a receiving line. The participants entered the hall through an arch of red roses and Easter lilies, the silver ribbons of which were cut by Barbara Reynolds of Auxiliary 79 and who represented Miss Massachusetts. She took her position at the head of the hall while the orchestra played "All Hail Massachusetts," and she was flanked on either side by color guards in the persons of Iola Bridges of Auxiliary 30 and Ruth Larrett of Auxiliary 28. The flowers and colors were carried by young ladies dressed in white and pastel evening gowns which made a very pretty picture.

After the guests were in their position in the receiving line, the girls countermarched and formed an aisle across the hall facing the guests, through which passed three young ladies dressed in pink, blue and yellow, who presented arm bouquets of mixed flowers to our Department President, Myra Blanchard; Alice Rand, National Chief-of-Staff, and Mrs. Lawrence Riley, wife of our Department Commander. These girls were Lois Blanchard, daughter of the Department President; Mildred Ewell and Marion McCaig of Auxiliary 9. Flowers were also to be presented to the sister of the Commander-in-Chief H. Harding Hale, but due to her absence, they were sent to her home. During the entire reception, the orchestra favored the audience with excellent music and Miss Mary Lynch contributed several vocal selections which were greatly appreciated by all those present.

The Trooping of the Colors under the direction of William George was, as always, most impressive and was very well carried out and arranged.

Following this the Grand March was formed under the direction of Addison Quinn and Rita E. Angier and was led by the Department Commander, Lawrence Riley, and our Department President, Myra Blanchard, followed by their respective staffs and guests. This is always a highlight of the evening as it is so very colorful and lovely. Dancing followed until midnight which apparently was enjoyed by all.

Souvenir badges were purchased through Emma S. Warren at Springfield and were sold during the Convention as well as at the Reception for 25c each to help defray expenses, which, because of conditions, were heavier than usual. The sale of artificial flowers also helped in reducing the expenses as will be seen in our financial report.

The Committee is most grateful to each and every person who assisted in any way to make this evening a success. Special appreciation is extended Phyllis M. Dean who carried out her part of the program with a great deal of difficulty but, nevertheless, in her very efficient and unassuming manner.

Without the co-operation of everybody the task of any committee cannot be accomplished, therefore, we say to all who assisted

in any way, simply but sincerely, "Thank you."

Respectfully submitted,

PARKER B. CHANDLER, Chair.	PHYLLIS DEAN
WILLIAM S. GEORGE	MARY R. CARR
CHARLES BRADLEE	LILLIAN BELCHER
ROY CALL	ADA B. EWELL
CARDER PERKINS	LELA SULLIVAN
ADDISON QUINN	EMMA S. WARREN
ROBERT WOOD	RITA E. ANGIER,

Secretary and Co-Chairman

Financial standing of the Reception and Ball, April 15, 1946:

Receipts		
Sale of Badges at 25 cents each	$128.25	
Sale of Artificial Flowers	13.50	
Sale of 4 Corsages at $1.50	6.00	
		$147.75
Expenses Paid		
Orchestra (Stewartson's)	$72.60	
Phyllis Dean for material for flowers	3.50	
Lela Sullivan for paper flowers	1.50	
Ada Ewell, postage	2.50	
Carder Perkins for corsages	7.00	
		87.60
Cash on Hand		$60.15
Unpaid Bills		
Young Regalia Co., 750 Emblems at $.08	$60.00	
A-B-C Print Shop, 250 invitations	7.50	
A-B-C Print Shop, small cards and express	2.25	
Casey's, Florist, 4 Arm Bouquets	22.00	
J. Edison Smith, 24 White Carnations	6.00	
		$97.75
Less Cash on Hand		60.15
Deficit		$37.60

½ to be paid by Sons	$18.80
½ to be paid by Auxiliary	18.80
	$37.60

REPORT OF RECEPTION TO COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

April 3, 1946.

On March 9, 1946, a suitable reception was tendered to our Commander-in-Chief, H. Harding Hale, in Hotel Bradford, Lobby Salon, by the two Department Councils, with assistance of additional members.

Past national President Margaret L. Waters was elected chairman, P. D. C. William W. Haskell, co-chairman.

Six meetings of the Committee were held.

At the dinner in the Roof Garden, 121 persons attended, nine were guests of the Committee and included National President Gladys Sallman of Chicago, a representative of Governor Maurice Tobin, a representative of Mayor James Curley, Mrs. Phinney, representing the Grand Army of the Republic, Brother Hale and Sister, Department Heads of the G. A. R. Family.

Financial statement of dinner, provided by P. D. P. Mary Freeman, Chairman, of Ticket Committee:

Received for 112 dinners at $2.75		$308.00
Paid for 123 dinners	$246.00	
Massachusetts Old Age Tax	12.30	

Federal Tax 20%	49.20	
Dinner Tickets	.50	
		$308.00
No profit, no loss		000.00

Between 300 and 400 attended the formal reception in the Lobby Salon. Gifts were presented to Brother Hale and several brought messages of Good-will.

Financial report submitted by Sister Waters, Chairman:

Paid for use of Lobby Salon	$75.00
Stewartson's Orchestra	34.00
Printing	8.50
Postage	9.05
Hotel help, checking, taxi fare	3.00

Auxiliary paid	$64.78	
Sons paid	64.77	
		$129.55

Auxiliary Committee	Sons Committee
MARGARET L. WATERS	WILLIAM W. HASKELL
ALICE CAMPBELL	ROY CALL
JENNIE WALES	FRANK L. KIRCHGASSNER
ESTHER THOMPSON	WILLIAM L. ANDERSON
MAE BUSH	LEON H. PALMER
MILDRED WILSON	COM. LAWRENCE D. RILEY
PRES. MYRA BLANCHARD	LOUIS E. WINCHELL, Secretary

REPORT OF JOINT RECEPTION AND BALL

April 15th, 1946.

The Joint Reception Committee has voted that because of detailed duties and expenses involved in conducting a Reception and Ball that the added duties of taking charge of a dinner should not be the responsibility of this committee and, therefore, offers the following recommendation, that:

If dinners or banquets are to be held at future Encampments, the Department President and Department Commander should appoint a specific committee to take charge of the same, thereby relieving the Reception Committee from this responsibility.

Sons of Veterans	Auxiliary
PARKER B. CHANDLER, Ch.,	RITA ANGIER, Ch.,
ADDISON A. QUINN,	PHYLLIS DEAN,
WILLIAM S. GEORGE,	MARY CARR,
CARDER PERKINS,	ADA EWELL,
ROY CALL,	EMMA WARREN,
ROBERT WOOD,	LILLIAN BELCHER,
CHARLES BRADLEE,	LELA SULLIVAN,
FRANK KIRCHGASSNER,	RUBY FULLER,
WILLIAM ANDERSON,	

Joint Committee Members.

Voted, That the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in accordance with the provision of Article VIII of the Constitution, approves and forwards for publication and action by the Commander-in-Chief the following amendment to the Constitution of the Order:

Article III of the Constitution is hereby amended by changing the period at the end thereof to a semi-colon, and by adding at the end thereof the following words: "providing further that the descendants of officers and members of the Revenue Cutter service who rendered service in the naval operation for the suppression of the

Rebellion of 1861-65, may be elected to membership under the same conditions as descendants of soldiers, sailors or marines."

This resolution shall become effective upon the determination by the Department Commander that during the Civil War the revenue cutter service was used as a part of the armed forces for suppression of the rebellion.

Whereas, This Department at its last Annual Encampment by a vote of fifty-four to twenty-nine adopted and directed to be forwarded to the National Secretary a resolution amending Article III of the Constitution so as to admit collateral descendants in cases where a veteran of the Civil War left no lineal male descendants, which resolution was not acted upon at the last session of the Commander-in-Chief, now, therefore, the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in accordance with the provisions of Article VIII of the Constitution approves and forwards for publication and action by the Commandery-in-Chief the following amendment to the Constitution of the Order:

Article III of the Constitution is hereby amended by changing the period at the end thereof to a semicolon and adding to said article the following words: "provided that where a soldier, sailor or marine who served as aforesaid left no lineal male descendants, descendants of a brother or sister of such soldier, sailor or marine otherwise qualified as herein provided may be admitted to membership to represent such veteran."

To Resolution Committee, Encampment at Boston, Mass., April 15th and 16th, 1946:

At Camp 25, Sons of Union Veterans, assembled at Worcester on April 8, 1946, by vote, it was resolved:

"That beginning with 1947 Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, that said Encampment be held in some other city in Massachusetts other than Boston. This to encourage increase in membership and larger attendance at Encampments."

WILBUR L. LOOMER,
WILLIAM T. DARLING,
EDMUND CROSS,
Resolutions Committee, Camp 25.

Chelsea, Mass., April 16, 1946.

To the Officers and Members of the 64th Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Incorporated.

RESOLUTION

Resolved, That the Massachusetts Department, S. U. V. C. W., respectfully request His Excellency the Governor of the Commonwealth to speed up the erection of the addition to the hospital at the Chelsea Soldiers' Home, authorized by the General Court.

Fraternally yours,
BERNARD J. RILEY, Camp 81, Chelsea.

To the Officers and Members of the 64th Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Incorporated.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, It has been the custom to have District Commanders appointed by the Department Commander, and

Whereas, We feel that this custom has not met with the best results to obtain the best men for this office, be it

Resolved, That all district commanders be elected by each district, and it is further

Resolved, That this resolution become effective at once and all districts so notified.

THOMAS L. CRAWFORD, P.D.C.,
GEORGE BECKMAN, P.C.,
GEORGE C. LAIRD, P.C.,
Committee, Capt. R. B. Grover Camp No. 17, Brockton.